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Historical Summary

OPERATING BUDGET	FY 2004 Total App	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Approp	FY 2006 Request	FY 2006 Gov Rec
BY PROGRAM					
Management & Support Services	1,807,000	1,642,900	2,220,900	2,469,800	2,460,600
Planning and Technical Services	6,414,700	4,394,600	6,367,400	6,520,000	6,364,100
Energy Resources	4,070,200	1,968,900	4,092,500	4,251,400	4,210,700
Snake River Basin Adjudication	3,267,200	3,235,000	3,451,900	3,539,400	3,520,700
Water Management	4,967,100	6,596,700	5,343,100	5,863,100	5,835,300
Total:	20,526,200	17,838,100	21,475,800	22,643,700	22,391,400
BY FUND CATEGORY					
General	9,931,800	9,686,200	10,514,000	12,156,100	11,543,600
Dedicated	6,731,800	3,937,100	7,185,800	6,619,000	7,017,900
Federal	3,862,600	4,214,800	3,776,000	3,868,600	3,829,900
Total:	20,526,200	17,838,100	21,475,800	22,643,700	22,391,400
Percent Change:		(13.1%)	20.4%	5.4%	4.3%
BY OBJECT OF EXPENDITURE					
Personnel Costs	10,508,200	9,995,100	11,053,200	11,784,500	11,740,700
Operating Expenditures	8,608,700	6,206,400	8,703,800	8,885,900	8,695,500
Capital Outlay	14,500	156,500	24,000	104,000	104,000
Trustee/Benefit	1,394,800	1,480,100	1,394,800	1,412,900	1,394,800
Lump Sum	0	0	300,000	456,400	456,400
Total:	20,526,200	17,838,100	21,475,800	22,643,700	22,391,400
Full-Time Positions (FTP)	176.00	176.00	176.00	176.00	176.00

Department Description

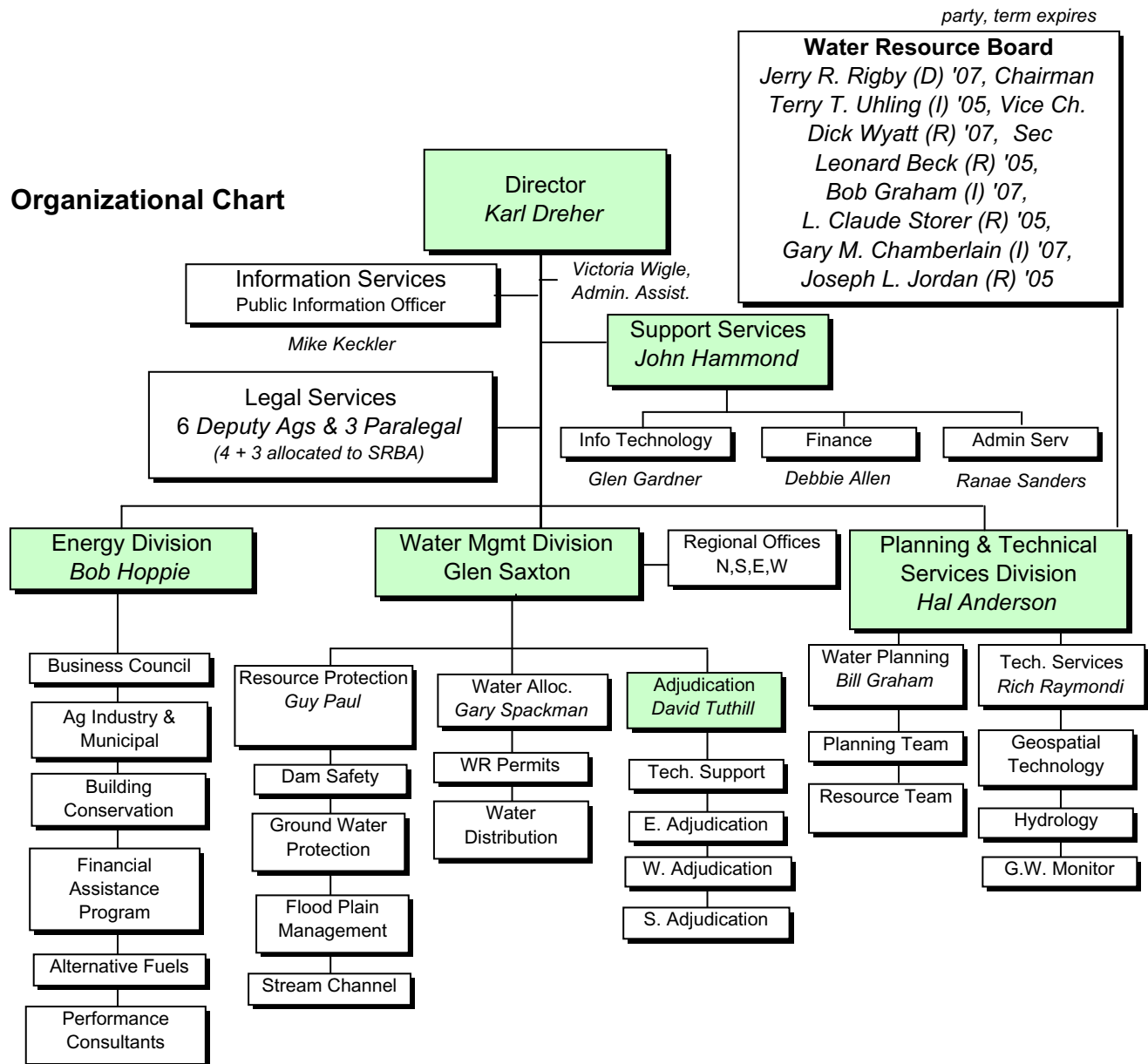
The Office of the State Engineer was created in 1895 to administer provisions of the Carey Act. Over the years, additional laws expanded the agency's duties, particularly with the increasing value, development, and use of Idaho's limited water resources. As the agency saw its responsibilities grow, it also saw its name change several times. In 1919 the agency became the Department of Reclamation; in 1943 the State Reclamation Engineer; and in 1970, the Department of Water Administration. Meanwhile, through amendment of the state constitution in 1964, the Water Resource Board was created to prepare the state water plan, a plan for optimum development of water resources in the public interest. The current name, the Department of Water Resources, resulted in 1974 from combining the Department of Water Administration with the Idaho Water Resource Board. The primary authority for the Department and its programs rests in Title 42, Idaho Code.

The department is divided into five major programs for budgeting purposes. The Management and Support Services program provides administrative, legal and information system support for the department; the Planning and Technical Services Division provides staff support for the Water Resources Board and provides planning, technical analysis and groundwater monitoring; the Energy Division provides financial assistance and technical assistance on energy conservation and alternative energy development issues; the Snake River Basin Adjudication program is responsible for completing a fair and accurate determination of the nature, extent and priority of Snake River Basin water rights; and the Water Management Division provides water resource protection through inspection and regulatory programs, and provides water allocation services through permits and water distribution programs.

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Full-time Equivalent Positions in FY 2006 Base					
Program	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total by Program	
1. Management & Support	12.92	6.08	0.00	19.00	11%
2. Planning and Technical Services	28.70	0.62	5.68	35.00	20%
3. Energy Resources	0.58	11.32	8.10	20.00	11%
4. Snake River Basin Adjudication	34.00	0.00	0.00	34.00	20%
5. Water Management	42.54	20.13	3.33	66.00	38%
Total by Fund Source	118.74	38.15	17.11	174.00	
Percent of Total by Source	68%	22%	10%		

Excludes group positions. Also, Attorneys are paid through operating expenditures.

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Sources of Funds	FY 2004 Expenditures	Percent of Total	FY 2005 Appropriation	FY 2006 Request
1. General Fund (0001) The General Fund sources are the individual income tax, corporate income tax, sales tax, and other miscellaneous sources.	\$ 9,686,200	54.3%	\$ 10,514,000	\$ 12,156,100
2. Indirect Cost Recovery Fund (0125) Overhead charge for costs to administer federal programs.	495,600	2.8%	767,400	778,600
3. Water Pollution Control Fund (0200) Monthly transfers amounting to \$4.8 million per year from the General Fund.	791,700	4.4%	0	0
4. Water Administration Fund (0229-21) Fees collected for well drillers' licenses and permits, water right claim fees, permits to appropriate water, permits to appropriate geothermal resources, reviewing safety of dams, water bank receipts, processing of injection well applications, and penalties.	689,500	3.9%	1,122,600	1,029,600
5. Water Resources Adjudication Fund (0337) Established in 1985 as a result of the Swan Falls agreement concerning the usage of water from the Snake River Basin. Receipts are deposited from filing fees as scheduled in law and are used to pay the costs attributable to adjudication.	534,200	3.0%	703,500	712,600
6. Miscellaneous Revenue Fund (0349) Revenues include fees collected from water district 01, fees collected for maintenance of Priest Lake Dam, and miscellaneous revenues from interstate and intrastate agencies and utilities.	872,000	4.9%	2,365,600	1,961,700
7. Petroleum Price Violation Fund (0494) In the early 1970s, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) embargoed crude oil exports to the United States. In response to this severe restriction in oil supply, the federal government regulated oil prices from 1973 to 1981 to prevent price gouging by domestic crude oil producers and to ensure fair allocation of oil resources. The federal Department of Energy was responsible for identifying violations, recovering overcharges, and obtaining restitution for wronged parties. Through the 1980s, several overcharge cases against domestic oil producers were settled or decided in court. Petroleum Price Violation funds are part of a nationwide redistribution to the states from the U.S. Department of Energy due to those settlements. Expenditure of the funds is required to benefit energy consumers and must not supplant state funds already allocated for energy-related programs. The Department of Water Resources is the state agency responsible for certifying that proposed projects meet these standards for allowable uses of violaton funds. The courts also specified that interest earned on these funds must be used for the same purposes.	554,000	3.1%	2,226,700	2,136,500
8. Federal Grant Fund (0348) Funds received from grants and agreements with federal agencies including the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and United States Department of Energy (DOE).	4,214,900	23.6%	3,776,000	3,868,600
Total All Appropriated Funds	\$ 17,838,100	100.0%	\$ 21,475,800	\$ 22,643,700

The department also has three continuously appropriated funds. 1) the Revolving Development Fund is used to make loans for projects approved by the Water Board. 2) the Water Management Fund is used to make loans or grants for new water projects or the rehabilitation of existing water projects limited to reclamation, upstream storage, offstream storage, aquifer recharge, reservoir site acquisition and protection, water supply, water quality, recreation, and water resource studies, including feasibility studies for qualifying projects, and 3) the Water Rights Enforcement Fund receives civil penalties collected by the department for illegal diversions and is used to carry out the water enforcement program.

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Selected Measures	FY 2003 Act	FY 2004 Act	FY 2005 Est	FY 2006 Est
Management and Support				
1. News releases to statewide media	81	80	80	80
2. Brochures, pamphlets, and posters prepared	40	30	30	30
3. Technical reports designed, edited and printed	15	10	10	10
4. Energy Hotline calls answered	1,400	1,500	1,500	1,500
5. Average number of Internet "hits" monthly	14,300	6,000	7,000	7,000
Planning and Technical Services				
1. Conduct reviews of Comprehensive State Water Plan (CSWP) components as requested	0	0	0	0
2. No. of low cost loans for water projects	14	15	20	20
3. No. of grants for water project studies	2	15	20	20
4. Process minimum streamflow applications	2	0	2	4
5. Data sites collected through USGS	328gw/93sw	328gw/88sw	328gw/88sw	328gw/86sw
6. Data sites collected through IDWR contracts	49gw/9sw	135gw/20sw	135gw/20sw	135gw/20sw
7. Data sites collected by IDWR staff	70gw	125gw	125gw	125gw
8. No. of groundwater quality sites/analytes	400/144	398/96	400/100	400/100
Energy Resources				
1. Number of energy efficiency tests conducted	37	162	150	150
2. Number of technical site visits	805	182	200	200
3. Number of loans requested	49	25	125	150
4. Number of loans funded	25	14	75	100
5. Amount of loans funded	\$304,885	\$208,850	\$300,000	\$350,000
6. Annual energy savings generated	\$22,767	\$32,967	\$40,000	\$45,000
Snake River Basin Adjudication				
1. Basins examined for irrigation/other large uses	6	8	8	3
2. Hard copy, microfilm files and electronic records maintained	161,200	163,400	165,000	166,000
3. Partial decrees prepared for uncontested claims	7,481	9,933	12,000	12,000
4. Director's Reports prepared for the basins and filed with the SRBA Court	3,515	6,204	6,300	3,200
5. Objections resolved by Department's participation as independent technical expert	1,305	563	500	500
Water Management				
1. No. of permit change applications received	380	345	350	350
2. No. of water right permit field exams conducted	108	89	100	200
3. Measuring device installations checked	283	314	200	200
4. Investigate reported diversion violations	217	170	150	150
5. Number of new wells constructed	4,181	3,500	4,000	4,200
6. Number of wells inspected	2,306	2,500	3,000	3,200
7. Number of injection wells permitted	42	250	100	150
8. Number of injection wells inspected	185	43	200	200
9. Number of shallow injection wells	7,370	7,600	7,750	8,000
10. Number of stream channel alterations	411	482	600	600
11. Number of vacuum dredge mining permits	414	418	400	400
12. No. community floodplain assessment visits	21	20	20	20
13. No. of dam construction and special inspections	163	85	150	150

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Snake River Basin Adjudication¹ Costs

Fiscal Year	Fund Source	IDWR ²	Attorney General ³	Judicial ⁴	TOTAL
1985	SRBA Fund	150,900	0	0	150,900
1986	SRBA Fund	234,000	0	0	234,000
1987	General	680,000	0	0	680,000
	SRBA Fund	321,300	0	0	321,300
1988	General	651,700	0	0	651,700
	SRBA Fund	349,200	0	0	349,200
1989	SRBA Fund	2,366,100	0	0	2,366,100
1990	General	0	39,200	0	39,200
	SRBA Fund	2,030,700	0	0	2,030,700
1991	General	0	78,500	0	78,500
	SRBA Fund	2,308,600	0	101,300	2,409,900
1992	General	0	138,700	0	138,700
	SRBA Fund	2,615,900	0	225,700	2,841,600
1993	General	0	110,500	0	110,500
	SRBA Fund	2,636,000	0	522,500	3,158,500
1994	General	0	102,500	0	102,500
	SRBA Fund	2,332,500	0	413,300	2,745,800
1995	General	0	590,000	0	590,000
	SRBA Fund	2,697,100	0	483,400	3,180,500
1996	General	958,100	1,293,000	0	2,251,100
	SRBA Fund	1,255,200	0	538,900	1,794,100
1997	General	2,208,000	1,704,700	722,800	4,635,500
	SRBA Fund	433,000	0	0	433,000
1998	General	2,292,200	2,303,900	744,300	5,340,400
	SRBA Fund	165,400	0	0	165,400
1999	General	2,613,500	2,289,100	635,800	5,538,400
	SRBA Fund	(2,100)	0	0	(2,100)
2000	General	2,484,300	1,732,700	730,400	4,947,400
	SRBA Fund	142,300	0	0	142,300
2001	General	2,560,000	489,500	727,000	3,776,500
	SRBA Fund	247,600	0	0	247,600
2002	General	2,654,900	260,300	801,500	3,716,700
	SRBA Fund	429,300	0	0	429,300
2003	General	2,510,300	163,600	745,100	3,419,000
	SRBA Fund	313,100	0	0	313,100
2004	General	2,700,800	35,600	777,500	3,513,900
	SRBA Fund	534,200	0	0	534,200
2005 est	General	2,804,600	NA	832,100	3,636,700
	SRBA Fund	703,500	0	0	703,500
2006 req	General	2,826,800	NA	842,800	3,669,600
	SRBA Fund	712,600	0	0	712,600
TOTAL					
	General	27,945,200	11,331,800	7,559,300	46,836,300
	SRBA Fund	22,976,400	0	2,285,100	25,261,500
	TOTAL	50,921,600	11,331,800	9,844,400	72,097,800

Notes: 1) adjudicate *vb.* to settle judicially 2) The Idaho Department of Water Resources (IDWR) is primarily responsible for adjudicating state-based water rights (permits, licenses, and beneficial uses). 3) The Attorney General's office is primarily responsible for adjudicating the federal-based water rights (federal reservations and tribal rights). 4) The state Judicial system is responsible for adjudicating both state-based and federal-based water rights. 5) FY 1999 adjusted for \$135,800 transfer-in from General Fund and \$133,700 expenditures. 6) At the end of FY 2004, the free-fund balance in the SRBA Fund was \$497,600. 7) Some estimates are "Not Available". 8) Water right filing fees are scheduled under §42-1414.

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Comparative Summary

Decision Unit	Agency Request			Governor's Rec		
	FTP	General	Total	FTP	General	Total
FY 2005 Original Appropriation	176.00	10,514,000	21,475,800	176.00	10,514,000	21,475,800
Reappropriations	0.00	250,200	250,200	0.00	250,200	250,200
HB 805 One-time 1% Salary Increase	0.00	61,600	91,600	0.00	61,600	91,600
1. Energy Program Fund Shift	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
Governor's Rescission	0.00	0	0	0.00	(19,100)	(32,900)
FY 2005 Total Appropriation	176.00	10,825,800	21,817,600	176.00	10,806,700	21,784,700
Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers	(2.00)	0	3,851,400	(2.00)	0	3,851,400
FY 2005 Estimated Expenditures	174.00	10,825,800	25,669,000	174.00	10,806,700	25,636,100
Removal of One-Time Expenditures	0.00	(323,100)	(4,954,700)	0.00	(319,600)	(4,939,500)
Base Adjustments	0.00	0	0	0.00	15,600	17,700
FY 2006 Base	174.00	10,502,700	20,714,300	174.00	10,502,700	20,714,300
Benefit Costs	0.00	112,100	193,200	0.00	86,800	149,400
Inflationary Adjustments	0.00	30,800	108,500	0.00	0	0
Replacement Items	0.00	96,000	96,000	0.00	96,000	96,000
Nonstandard Adjustments	0.00	(106,400)	(104,500)	0.00	(106,400)	(104,500)
Change in Employee Compensation	0.00	64,000	97,000	0.00	64,000	97,000
27th Payroll	0.00	247,400	379,100	0.00	247,400	379,100
Fund Shifts	0.00	244,700	0	0.00	244,700	0
FY 2006 Program Maintenance	174.00	11,191,300	21,483,600	174.00	11,135,200	21,331,300
1. Idaho Water Center Lease	0.00	285,800	338,000	0.00	285,800	338,000
2. Water Board Instream Flow Claims	0.00	456,400	456,400	0.00	0	456,400
3. Upper Salmon Water District	1.00	25,900	25,900	1.00	25,900	25,900
4. Hydrology Section Manager	1.00	96,700	96,700	1.00	96,700	96,700
5. Well Construction Rules	0.00	0	100,000	0.00	0	100,000
6. Palouse Aquifer Monitoring	0.00	100,000	100,000	0.00	0	0
7. Bear River Basin Hydrographer	0.00	0	43,100	0.00	0	43,100
Transfer to Adjudication Fund	0.00	0	0	0.00	0	0
FY 2006 Total	176.00	12,156,100	22,643,700	176.00	11,543,600	22,391,400
Change from Original Appropriation	0.00	1,642,100	1,167,900	0.00	1,029,600	915,600
% Change from Original Appropriation		15.6%	5.4%		9.8%	4.3%

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Budget by Decision Unit	FTP	General	Dedicated	Federal	Total
FY 2005 Original Appropriation	176.00	10,514,000	7,185,800	3,776,000	21,475,800

Reappropriations

The FY 2005 appropriation bill included carryover language for unexpended and unencumbered General Fund balances from FY 2004.

Agency Request	0.00	250,200	0	0	250,200
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	250,200	0	0	250,200

HB 805 One-time 1% Salary Increase

Agency Request	0.00	61,600	20,500	9,500	91,600
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	61,600	20,500	9,500	91,600

1. Energy Program Fund Shift

Energy Resources

The Energy Division seeks a fund shift of \$36,200 in personnel costs from the Petroleum Price Violation Fund to the Miscellaneous Revenue Fund. Additional contractual awards from other states and the Northwest Energy Efficiency Alliance allow for the redirection of staff to the new contracts. Industry services contracts of \$25,500 include technical assistance and training for cogeneration, power quality, and voltage fluctuation. An \$8,200 transmission study will help regional utilities plan for future load and electricity transmission needs along the Idaho-Nevada border. Finally, an additional \$2,500 is available to bolster existing residential and commercial energy efficiency programs. [Ongoing]

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Recommended by the Governor (nets to zero).</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0

Governor's Rescission

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
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The Governor recommends removal of \$15,200 not needed to implement HB 805. In addition, the Governor recommends removal of \$17,700 risk management funding in excess of needs calculated by the Department of Administration.

Governor's Recommendation	0.00	(19,100)	(11,200)	(2,600)	(32,900)
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FY 2005 Total Appropriation

Agency Request	176.00	10,825,800	7,206,300	3,785,500	21,817,600
Governor's Recommendation	176.00	10,806,700	7,195,100	3,782,900	21,784,700

Non-Cognizable Funds and Transfers

Eliminates 1 FTP from Planning and Technical Services and 1 FTP from Water Management to bring FTP count in line with available funding. Removes \$44,800 in Indirect Cost Recovery funds from Planning and Technical Services and \$21,400 in federal funding from Water Management. Transfers \$11,900 in Water Administration Funds from Management and Support to Water Management. Adjusts FTP between fund sources. Adds \$3,683,400 in federal spending authority for a contract with Bureau of Reclamation to implement the rental of water rights under a pilot program for leasing of Snake River natural flow water rights for the 2004 water year. Adds \$234,200 in one-time non-cognizable spending authority for the Water Administration Fund. The Twin Falls Canal Company and the Northside Canal Company were short of water during 2004 and could not meet the needs of their shareholders. The Department administered a natural flow rental from the water supply bank for 23,652.1 acre feet of water @\$11 per acre-foot (including a 10% administrative fee). The department had sufficient spending authority for the \$26,000 administrative cost but not the amount needed to pay the water supply bank.

Agency Request	(2.00)	0	189,400	3,662,000	3,851,400
Governor's Recommendation	(2.00)	0	189,400	3,662,000	3,851,400

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FY 2005 Estimated Expenditures					
Agency Request	174.00	10,825,800	7,395,700	7,447,500	25,669,000
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>174.00</i>	<i>10,806,700</i>	<i>7,384,500</i>	<i>7,444,900</i>	<i>25,636,100</i>

Removal of One-Time Expenditures

Remove funding provided for one-time items including \$250,200 reappropriation, \$91,600 for one-time salary increase, \$3,917,600 nonconformable spending authority, \$300,000 for Water Agreement, \$360,000 for the move to the water center, \$11,300 for Attorney General fees, and \$24,000 for one-time capital outlay.

Agency Request	0.00	(323,100)	(926,700)	(3,704,900)	(4,954,700)
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>(319,600)</i>	<i>(917,600)</i>	<i>(3,702,300)</i>	<i>(4,939,500)</i>

Base Adjustments

Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
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Restore risk management rescission to the base.

<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>15,600</i>	<i>2,100</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>17,700</i>
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FY 2006 Base					
Agency Request	174.00	10,502,700	6,469,000	3,742,600	20,714,300
<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>174.00</i>	<i>10,502,700</i>	<i>6,469,000</i>	<i>3,742,600</i>	<i>20,714,300</i>

Benefit Costs

Includes the employer-paid portion of estimated changes in employee benefit costs. The two biggest factors are health insurance rates and retirement rates. Health insurance is projected to increase by 9.7% or \$632 per position. Retirement rates are scheduled to increase by 5.9% from 10.39% to 11% of salary for regular employees. Other benefit changes include a reduction in unemployment insurance rates, a reduction in Division of Human Resources rates for classified employees, and an increase in workers compensation rates.

Agency Request	0.00	112,100	34,100	47,000	193,200
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The Governor does not recommend increases related to changes in the Public Employee's Retirement System.

<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>86,800</i>	<i>26,300</i>	<i>36,300</i>	<i>149,400</i>
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Inflationary Adjustments

Includes a general inflationary increase of 1.3% in operating expenditures and trustee/benefit payments.

Agency Request	0.00	30,800	49,700	28,000	108,500
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The Governor recommends no increase for general inflation.

<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
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Replacement Items

Requests funding to replace three pickup trucks and a van.

Agency Request	0.00	96,000	0	0	96,000
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<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>96,000</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>96,000</i>
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Nonstandard Adjustments

The Statewide Cost Allocation Plan assesses state agencies for their prior-year actual use of certain services. Non-standard adjustments include Attorney General (\$109,100), State Controller \$6,900, State Treasurer (\$600), and changes in property and casualty insurance premiums (\$1,700).

Agency Request	0.00	(106,400)	1,900	0	(104,500)
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<i>Governor's Recommendation</i>	<i>0.00</i>	<i>(106,400)</i>	<i>1,900</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>(104,500)</i>
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Change in Employee Compensation					
Reflects the cost of a 1% salary increase for permanent and group positions.					
Agency Request	0.00	64,000	22,700	10,300	97,000
<i>The Governor recommends a compensation increase of 1% to be distributed based on merit. No adjustment to the pay line is recommended.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	64,000	22,700	10,300	97,000

27th Payroll					
Reflects the cost of one additional payroll in fiscal year 2006. This happens every eleven or twelve years because there are 364 days in 26 payperiods but a year has 365.242 days.					
Agency Request	0.00	247,400	91,000	40,700	379,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	247,400	91,000	40,700	379,100

Fund Shifts				Water Management	
During the 2002 session, JFAC chose to reduce the impact of budget cutbacks (that would have permanently reduced the department's base) by shifting \$492,900 from the General Fund to the Water Pollution Control Fund. Facing a continuing tight General Fund budget, the 2003 legislature was unable to shift funding back to the General Fund. Last session JFAC shifted \$214,600 back to the General Fund and the remainder to the Water Administration Fund and Federal Grants. This request shifts 2.00 positions and \$244,700 back from the Water Administration Fund to the General Fund.					
Agency Request	0.00	244,700	(244,700)	0	0
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	244,700	(244,700)	0	0

FY 2006 Program Maintenance					
Agency Request	174.00	11,191,300	6,423,700	3,868,600	21,483,600
Governor's Recommendation	174.00	11,135,200	6,366,200	3,829,900	21,331,300

1. Idaho Water Center Lease Mgmt & Support, Tech Serv, Energy, SRBA, Water Mgmt

The department moved its main offices to 50,000 square feet of the Idaho Water Center in October of 2004. The Legislature approved the funding plan for the new office through House Concurrent Resolution 60 during the 2002 session. The Idaho State Building Authority has issued bonds and the Department is committed to repay a portion of the bonds through leases for the next 30 years. The main office houses administration and support for seven regional and satellite offices. The public may visit to research water right files, well driller reports and a variety of resource information. Most of the Water Resource Board meetings and various hearings, meetings, and conferences are held at this office. The new annual lease payment is \$900,000 but the Department only has \$562,000 in the base. This leaves the need for an additional \$338,000 in FY 2006 of which \$26,100 is from the Indirect Cost Recovery Fund and \$26,100 is from the Petroleum Price Violation Fund. [Ongoing]

Agency Request	0.00	285,800	52,200	0	338,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	285,800	52,200	0	338,000

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2. Water Board Instream Flow Claims					
Management and Support Services					
<p>The Idaho Water Resource Board has four remaining instream flow water rights to be adjudicated in the Snake River Basin Adjudication. The water right licenses and associated claim filing fees, in accordance with Title 42, Chapter 14, Section 14 Idaho Code, total \$1,521,200 as follows: Lemhi River 35 cubic feet per second (at \$100 per CFS) \$3,500; Clearwater River 3,515 CFS \$351,500; Clearwater River 5,750 CFS \$575,000; Clearwater River 5,910 CFS \$591,000, and \$200 (\$50 each) for claim filing fees. Idaho law provides that filing fees in excess of \$1,000 may be spread over as many as five annual payments. In the 2003 session, the Legislature provided 40% of the claim filing fees. Last session the Legislature provided another 30% of the fees. This decision unit requests the remaining 30% of the claim filing fees. Payment of these fees is necessary to provide the resources to complete the majority of the Department's work by mid FY 2006 as planned. [One-time transfer of \$456,400 to SRBA Fund for expenditure]</p>					
Agency Request	0.00	456,400	0	0	456,400
<i>The Governor recommends using Water Pollution Control Funds instead of the General Fund.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	456,400	0	456,400
3. Upper Salmon Water District					
Water Management					
<p>The State of Idaho reached a negotiated settlement with the Secretary of Agriculture that determined the extent of the Wild & Scenic River Act on federal reserved water rights in the Salmon River Basin. A primary component of the settlement is agreement by the State of Idaho to enhance administration of water rights in the Salmon river Basin through the establishment and operation of water districts. Although water districts are normally funded locally, the requirements in the agreement require administration beyond that normally expected of water districts in mountainous areas. This request would provide for \$14,400 in personnel costs for three-months costs of a senior water resource agent, \$7,500 in operating expenses, and \$4,000 in capital outlay for the state to meet its obligations under the Salmon River Wild & Scenic River settlement agreement. Funding for the remaining nine months of the year is to be determined later. [\$4,000 one-time]</p>					
Agency Request	1.00	25,900	0	0	25,900
Governor's Recommendation	1.00	25,900	0	0	25,900
4. Hydrology Section Manager					
Planning and Technical Services					
<p>In 2003, demands for water distribution by priority water right holders resulted in potential curtailment of 1,350 ground water rights on the Eastern Snake River Plain. Last session, lawmakers and the Governor successfully avoided curtailment by passing HB 843 which provided funds to implement a one-year settlement agreement between spring users and the ground water districts in that area. One of the key provisions of the settlement involved the Eastern Snake Plain Aquifer ground water model which is now being used to simulate the effects of drought, surface irrigation, natural flows, and ground water pumping on spring flows. Due to limited staff resources in the department's hydrology section, the department changed its vacant Hydrology Section Manager position to a Technical Hydrologist in order to hire an additional ground water modeler. Although this helped address the immediate staffing problem there currently is no Section Manager to provide day-to-day supervision of the Hydrology Section. The General Fund request includes one FTP, \$84,300 for salary and benefits, \$8,400 in operating expenditures, and \$4,000 for furnishings and computer equipment for a total of \$96,700. [\$4,000 one-time]</p>					
Agency Request	1.00	96,700	0	0	96,700
Governor's Recommendation	1.00	96,700	0	0	96,700

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5. Well Construction Rules					Water Management
<p>The department currently administers a permitting procedure for well construction, inspects wells during construction, and investigates and resolves violations. On behalf of the Idaho Water Resource Board, the department contracted in 2003 the development of a report seeking statewide public input on the adequacy of existing well construction standards. Most of the input at each of the meetings held around the state was from the drilling community. The report outlined several areas of the rules that need to be addressed and recommended that the rules be updated through a negotiated rule-making process. The department now seeks spending authority from the Water Administration Fund to enter into contracts with consultants to complete the review and revision of the rules in order to adequately protect ground water resources of the state from waste or contamination. [One-time]</p>					
Agency Request	0.00	0	100,000	0	100,000
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	100,000	0	100,000
6. Palouse Aquifer Monitoring					Planning and Technical Services
<p>The residents of western Latah County, including the City of Moscow and the University of Idaho, are entirely dependent upon ground water to meet their water supply needs. Water levels in the majority of the municipal wells in the Palouse Basin have been declining steadily for more than 50 years at a rate of 1 to 2 feet per year. Meanwhile, population continues to grow, including the unincorporated areas of the basin. After more than a decade of conservation and promotion of efficient water use under a management plan developed by the Palouse Basin Aquifer Committee (PBAC), pumping rates have stabilized and declines in the ground water levels have slowed. In 2002, the Idaho legislature passed SB 1239 which included \$100,000 to continue studies of the Palouse Basin aquifer. However, prior to receiving a detailed work plan from PBAC and developing a contract to encumber the funds, the Legislature cut the Department's budget by two percent. The Department chose to use the \$100,000 to help meet the holdback requirement. Since 2002, PBAC has determined that the highest priority work is the drilling of deep monitoring wells. These deep well fields are part of PBAC's \$962,000 project proposals and will provide important data to determine the status and future of ground water in the Palouse Basin. Requested by Rep. Tom Trail. [One-time]</p>					
Agency Request	0.00	100,000	0	0	100,000
Not recommended by the Governor.					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
7. Bear River Basin Hydrographer					Water Management
<p>The department intends to create a water measurement district in the Bear River Basin (all or portions of Bear Lake, Franklin, Caribou, Bannock, and Oneida Counties) pursuant to Idaho law for the purpose of measuring ground water diversions that have not been decreed or are not currently administered by a watermaster. Water right holders in the district may choose to have the department perform the hydrographer services for the district. These services include: measurement and reporting of ground water diversions, monitoring of ground water levels, maintaining records of holders of ground water rights, identifying diversions of water appearing to be in violation of water laws, and submitting an annual report to the department. The choice of department staff provides administrative efficiency because the director has the responsibility to supervise the hydrographers and this arrangement also allows for shared office space and equipment. However, no spending authority is needed if the district decides to hire the hydrographer. Either way, the water measurement district will charge assessments to water right holders in the district to provide funds for the position. The request includes \$29,500 in personnel costs and \$13,600 in operating expenditures. Existing staff would provide this service so no additional FTP are requested. [Ongoing, Miscellaneous Revenue Fund]</p>					
Agency Request	0.00	0	43,100	0	43,100
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	43,100	0	43,100

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Transfer to Adjudication Fund					
Management and Support Services					
Reassigns the appropriation to a transfer to the Adjudication Fund should the legislature approve enhancement #2 as requested.					
Agency Request	0.00	0	0	0	0
<i>Analyst Comment: The Governor recommends the second enhancement (Instream Flow Claims) be funded with Water Pollution Control Funds. If the legislature concurs, then the appropriation bill will contain a separate section transferring the cash and this decision unit will reflect a reduction of \$456,400 because spending authority for the cash is already in the Adjudication Fund base.</i>					
Governor's Recommendation	0.00	0	0	0	0
FY 2006 Total					
Agency Request	176.00	12,156,100	6,619,000	3,868,600	22,643,700
Governor's Recommendation	176.00	11,543,600	7,017,900	3,829,900	22,391,400
Agency Request					
Change from Original App	0.00	1,642,100	(566,800)	92,600	1,167,900
% Change from Original App	0.0%	15.6%	(7.9%)	2.5%	5.4%
Governor's Recommendation					
Change from Original App	0.00	1,029,600	(167,900)	53,900	915,600
% Change from Original App	0.0%	9.8%	(2.3%)	1.4%	4.3%